

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Kenichi Kudo et al. : Confirmation No. 7440  
Serial No. 10/509440 : Group Art Unit: 3746  
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For: EQUIPMENT AND METHOD FOR FEEDING LIQUID:  
GRADIENT IN NANO/MICRO LIQUID :  
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**STATUS LETTER**

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on September 24, 2004 and an Information Disclosure Statement was mailed to the Patent Office on April 1, 2005. No Official Action has yet been received in the application.

Accordingly, may we please be advised approximately when we can expect the application to be taken up for consideration by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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